GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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ASSISTANCE TO IRRIGATION PROJECTS IN ANDHRA PRADESH
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the present wastage of water and to develop irrigation on a large scale is considered as one of the major problem in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether the Government have agreed to help and assist the State in improving major irrigation projects; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES(SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) to (c) Due to non-implementation of major projects on Godavari like Inchampalli and Polavaram in Andhra Pradesh, there is wastage of Godavari waters to the sea. These projects involve inter-state issues with Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh and Orissa like submergence. With a view to resolve the inter-state issues, a High Level Committee under Member (Water Planning & Projects), Central Water Commission has been set up with members from the concerned states.

The Centre is providing central loan assistance under Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme(AIBP) for early completion of major ongoing irrigation projects in Andhra Pradesh viz. Nagarjunasagar, Sriramsagar stage-I, Somasila and Jurala.